(c) the time by which these are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). DDA has reported that at present 63394 registrants are awaiting allotment under three Housing Schemes as per details given below :-

Category	NPRS'79	AAY'89	JHRS'96
MIG	12919	5461	-
LIG	18285	6729	-
JANTA	-	-	20000

(c) Keeping in view the constraints in availability of land and provision of services by other agencies, DDA has planned that all the awaiting registrants under NPRS '79 and AAY '89 will be allotted flats in a period of about two years. Under the Janta Housing Registration Scheme (JHRS), which was opened in February,1996, 10000 applicants are to be alloted flats in 2-3 year in the first phase. Out of these 10000, about 4000 flats are to be allotted in the current year itself.

Supply of Gas

2313. SHRI SANTOSH KUAMR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal for setting up a gas distribution system to feed hundreds of small industries in Kanpur, Ferozabad, Agra, Khurja, Ghazibad and Noida areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the gas distribution system is likely to become operative; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) 0.23 MMSCMD of natural gas has been allocated to industrial units around Ghaziabad. An allocation of 0.6 MMSCMD has been made for industrial units in Agra-Ferozabad area.

(b) Allocated units in Ghazibad are already being supplied gas. Gas supplies to the industries in Agra and Ferozabad are expected to commence in 1997.

(c) No allocations have been made in Kanpur, Kurja and NOIDA areas as the gas available is fully allocated.

[Translation]

Depletion of Agricultural land

2314. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether agricultural land in the country especially in the metropolition cities is depleting;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check this depletion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Urban Development is a State subject. The patterns and changes in urban land use vary between States and towns and between points of time. Due to this, data on changes in urban land use are not maintained at the national level. Conversions of agrcultural land use to residential, commercial and industrial purposes to cope with the demand of economic development and urbanisation are the main reasons for the depletion of agricultural land, and they vary from city to city and from time to time. To check this depletion, integration of urban and rural planning is essential. In this regard, the Constitution (74th) Amendment Act, 1992 has made it mandatory for the States to constitute district and Metropolitan Committees at the District and metropolitan levels respectively.

Power Generation

2315. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched several schemes in 1995-96 to increase power production in the country;

(b) if so, whether sufficient funds were allocated for the implementation of these schemes;

(c) the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(d) whether 75% of funds allocated for power sector remained unutilised;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of total funds actually utilised during 1995-96; and

(f) the reasons for non-utilisation of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). Improvement to power production in the country is a continuing exercise. For the year 1995-96, the approved outlays for different schemes in the Central and State Sector (including Union Territories) for the power sector are as follows :

	Approved Outlay (Rs. Crores)
Generation Scheme	11073.78
Renovation and Modernisation	488.46
Transmission & Distribution	6025.23
Miscellaneous	856.07
Rural Electrification	1193.90
Total	19637.44